FEDS' CHIEF U. S. Navy VERA CRUZ IS Russians Batter at Gates of Cracow SAYS HE FEARS Effective At CUT OFF

Gilmore Declares Star Pitcher its manufacture had been closely fore Jumping the Washing- range or its power. ton Club.

"Will Meet American Leaguers range for Battle in Courts If They Issued Today.

of the Federal League declared today. examined Walter Johnson's 1914 conendered an opinion that Johnson was

but if the Washington club insists on ending money for litigation, we'll meet pedo fire effective without endangering yourself, consequently, long range in them is not desired.

re signing high priced players without nowing where we stand. Johnson has seen signed with the Chicago Federal eague club, and will play with them

Johnson Demanded \$18,000 From Clark Griffith

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

"Johnson tried to hold up the Washgion ball club and I wouldn't stand it, that's about the whole story. But now that he has jumped to the eds the Washington ball club will ight him tooth and nail, taking the case to the highest courts for settle-

I haven't the slightest doubt in my aind but that he has signed. The oser one gets with Johnson, the ore he realizes his love of money. To be sure, if he is awarded to the Washington club, he won't draw two cans to the gate, but I shall stop him from playing with the Feds.

"He proposed that we pay him \$18,000 a year for three years, giving him \$6,000 in advance. That is the only proposition.

red me. I told him he might set that from a bank, if he took along elved from the Washington public and the ball club has never been equaled as the burst of rollance can all my career in baseball."

Thus does Clark Griffith, manager of the Washington club, dispose of the story from Coffeyville, Kan., that has been practically doubled. Valter Johnson has jumped to the Chi-

"Will Never Play With Feds," Threat. There are enough of the new torpedoes manufactured to outfit the eight most Way back last summer," continued or fifth Today, "we could see that the last were getting away from him. His popularity was waning fast. Indeed, I was surprised that he was such a poor land the bliss works at Brooklyn a sufficient number to provide all of the battlerhips of the navy beginning with the virginia class, with the new high last all those stories shout his hope. tay. All those stories about his hobpower mensons. The older vessels of
the thin type can not use the new
the friends away from him. He never
weapons without serious alterations, so
enied any of them and the fans ate
serious that they will probably not be
agreed to go back to the capital. flot he'll never be a drawing made,

What will be the plan of the Wash-

When he appears in a league game on the Federal League schedule, coursescendings will be immediately started an injunction being sought that will effectually prevent his playing any more ames with the Federal League. I am positive that our contracts are good. Waiter's assured him a salary of \$9.50 for the season of 1914. It miso assured him of the payment of \$2.50 as n option on his services for 1915 for a um at least as high as that paid him 1914. There was no ten days' release ause in his contract, and it is fromad in every respect. Now if that cor act holds the Washington club and ghilly it will also hold Johnson. Any-ay, the matter will be taken into the ederal courts for settlement.

The fans of the Capital have always considered Walter Johnson a sort of suday school hero. His modesty and ean living served to make him a u τ the boys of the land and his ex-uple was held up by teachers every-here. Washington rooters always ought him above reaching out for the oney. Today they are wondering what as happened to their hero. Even though Clark Griffith today in-

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Commuters to Protest B. and O. Rate Increase

Within a week a protest signed by merous patrons of the Metropolitan anch of the Baltimore and Ohlo rall-ad will be filed with the Interstate onmerce Commission against the pro-sed new tariff of commutation rates Washington to suburban towns in

he executive committee of the Metro- | tual owner.

of remarkable offensive power with a range of at least five miles was admitted today by officers of the de-

The development of this weapon had been guarded as a military secret of the utmost importance, and Had Best Legal Advice Be- guarded. Consequently officers of the Ordnance Bureau will not discuss its

> It is admitted, however, that the new torpedo will be in effective reach of the enemy at five miles; but it is believed that it has a far greater Clash With Villa Forces Immi-

This new torpedo is not a product of any lessons of the European war. Desire It." Is Outlaw's Defi, however, but was independently de-

Fits New Battleships

This new torpedo is longer and larger CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—The best legal adof the new battleships, cruisers, and deströyers are being equipped for its use. ract with the Washington Senators and for long range is not necessary with them. Admiral Strauss, chief of the Consul Canada, has isolated Vera Cruz ree to sign with any club he pleased Bureau of Ordnance, explained today from the rest of Mexico. that the idea of submarines was to get close to the enemy and make tor-

> them is not desired.
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> The admiral refused to go into details as to the new torpedo. He deplored publicity with respect to it, and declared that publicity was the greatest obstacle threaten willings. stacle American military officers had

> "It is your secret as well as ours," he declared, "we are all in the same box, and to exploit our discoveries, inventions, or improvements is to forwarn and spur other countries to meet

ment and manufacture of the new long range torpede, the range of the old style torpedoes has been inthe old style torpedoes has been increased, giving them great range but not as great as that of the new torpedo. This was made necessary because it was economically and mechanically impossible to change the equipment on battleships and destroyers afready coemplete so that they might handle the new engine of destruction.

The new torpedo can be easily used at the present fleet battle range with big guns, if not farther. A number of these new weapons have just been turned out, and their text has been termed eminently sat-

test has been termed eminently sattests are being closely guarded. It is likely however that some of them were made when the fleet was on the Southern drill grounds for pac-tice last week. tice last week

So far as the Bureau of Ordnance can

Enough To Outfit Eight.

what will be described by February 1. explained Manager Griffith, "As contracts to our players by February 1. explained Manager Griffith, "As come as I am officially informed that Johnson has jumped the traces and gone to the Feds. I shall send him a clark contract, carrying the same terms dank contract, carrying the same terms to had in 1914. I mier that contract I is had in 1914. I mier that contract I is had in 1914, I mier that contract I is had in 1914, I mier that contract I is not provided with terminating the range of the limit to process of construction Is-inch torpole. sin bound to offer him at least the in process of construction is inch tor-same amount of money he received last pedoes of the newer type, which will

ISLAND TO BE USED FOR GAS WORKS PLANT

Analostan Tract. Sold by Joseph Leiter, Not To Be Developed Yet. However.

A transfer of title to Austonia teland, a tract embracing seventy-live island, a tract embracing seventy-live acres, located in the Potomac river, near the Virginia shore, opposite Acqueduct bridge, has been made by Joseph Leiter to the Washington Gas Light Company. The island will be neld by the company for use in the future as a site for a gas manufacturing plant, should the development of musiness of the corporation require

The island was purchased then a year ago, at a consideration understood to have been \$77,000. Mr. Leiter was at that time president of the Tas company, and took title it his own name. The transfer of yes-terday was made that the property might stand in the name of the ac-

that Branch Commuters' Association.

The was recently formed, met yes, relaw in the office of A. H. Baker, 710 custeenth street northwest, and deduced to urge the commission to suggested the increased rates sought by the diread company sutil the patrons side ould be explained fury.

That owner.

In discussing the purchase Howard S. Resside, president of the Washington Gas Light Company, said that the property was acquired hecause expert engineers who had made an investigation at the instance of the company, had pronounced it to be the lest location for a gas manufacturing plant available around Washington and the only avail. Congressman Is Dead.

POTSDAM. N. Y., Dec. 4.—Edwin Merritt, Congressman from the hirty-first New York district and ormer speaker of the State assembly, died of bright's disease at his bare today.

for a gas manufacturing plant available around Washington, and the only available ar

NUMBER 8373. WASHINGTON, FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 4, 1914. MEXICO CITY FLOOD DESERT TO SAVE PORT SAID FROM TURKS BY CARRANZA Allies, Flanking, Now Strike At Menin

Former First Chief Refuses to Let Trains Leave or Goods To Be Taken to Interior of

nent-State Department Begins Negotiations for Peace

General Villa, Carranza, according to reports received at the State Department this morning from United States

with desertions occurring daily in his with every indication, unofficial reports ranks, he has refused to let any declare, of their weakening.

ports Canada, were discharged last Monday, Carranza placing his own soldiers in charge of both properties. Also he has refused to permit any goods landed at Vera Cruz to be shipped to interior points in Mexico.

Secretary of State Bryan this morning admitted that the State Department representatives at Vera Cruz and at Mexico City are using their influence Mexico City are using their influence to bring about peace between Carranza

Villa and Zapata are reported working in complete accord with Gutierrez's regime. The reports reaching the State

Re-enforcements Se half a dozen isolated exceptions, is more tranquil than in recent years.

Zapata Reluctant to Meet Villa in Capital

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 4.-General Zarata is reluctant to return to Mexico His meeting with General Villa has been postponed, according to advices received today. Zapata has reerned to his stronghold in Cuernavaca, and, although he has received severa delegations from Villa, he has not yet All of the armored cruisers except four, and all of the older destroyers are provided with Is-inch tubes, a caliber that will not permit of the use of the visit if the latter does not change his Villa himself is anxious to become etter acquainted with the Morelos mind and visit Mexico City. attack Hermosillo, capital of Sonora. General Villa has sent agents to the United States to obtain several million dollars with which to sustain the Gutlerrez government in the campaign

Bourne to Meet Stubbs In Old-Fashioned Debate

NEW YORK, Dec. 4 -- An old-tashioned debate between former Governor Stubbs and former Senator Bourne, on Government ownership of the railroads, will feature the afternoon session of the annual meeting of the National Civic Federation, in session at the Hotel Actor. Stubbs will take the affirmative side and Bourne the nega-

Today's War Summary

FRANCE - Heavy intermittent cannonading between Ypres and Roulers in offensive movement started by allies, Germans failing to drive them from positions which have been occupied.

GERMANY-Normal offensive in Poland reported. French attacks in Flanders repulsed. Kaiser at Czen. stenchowa

RUSSIA-Claimed attempt Germans resume offensive without result. Russian line extended further along Vistula. Word that Cracow besieged expected momentar-

ENGLAND Four hundred thousand additional British troops reached the front. Desert east of Port Said flooded to prevent attack upon city by Moslems operating in

Wieliczka Held by Russians. Complete Investment Is Nearly Accomplished.

ilery today is battering at the outer defenses of Cracow. With all the heavy artillery at its command, the Russian army is pounding at these defenses, With Wieliczka now held by the Rus-

ians, the enveloping movement at Cracow is progressing, and the city soon will be completely invested. The attempt of the Germans to turn the Russian left flank in the Lody re gion is declared to have been success resisted, while the enemy is being seriously threatened by the movemen northwest from Lowicz, which is now

held by the Russians. New Levy Called On.

Another 1,200,000 men have been called to the Russian colors to assist the vast hordes now in the eastern area of the European war zone, struggling to force through the Austro-German lines which separate them from Berlin.

Such negotiations may succeed, according to dispatches from Vera Cruz to the effect that Carranza is discouraged by the failure of Villa and Zapana to clash over the control of the Mexican capital and the continued describes from his own ranks.

Carranza is discouraged because Villa and Zapata-have "buried the latchet."

and he is by no means convinced of the loyalty of his own chief generals. According to Consul Canada at Vera Cruz, Carranza has taken no active part in arrangements for attacks on Villa's north of Lods. Unofficial reports claim the Germans have been forced to fall back through this district.

Re-enforcements Sent

at Mexico City, who represented this Government officially, and from its own confidential agents, declare that the ordinary business is proceeding untramelleast five corps are believed to have and that the entire country, with reached Czcnstochowa. A strong move ment by these forces along the railroad toward Radomsk and Piotrokow in an attempt to relieve the pressure on the center is anticipated.

The latest official statement issued by general headquarters says: Fighting continues in certain dis-tricts along the front in the region of Lowicz. Important forces of the enemy, chiefly the troops transported in November from the German west front, opened an offensive on De-cember 2 in the region of Liouto-mersk and Szczercow (southwest of

On the rest of the front on the left bank of the Vistoin there is no par-ticular modification in the situation. Beyond the Carpathlans our troops have taken Bartfeld (eight miles within the Hungarian frontier), cap-turing eight officers, 1.399 men, and six machine guns.

The Warsaw campaign of the Germans, according to Petrograd military There is no confirmation of the claim experts, has resolved itself into a per-y Carranzistas that they have capsistent and dogged grinding against the experts, has resolved itself into a pered Guayamas and are preparing to Russian center, the recently arrived reenforcements being used to that end. The main attempt is centering around Lodz, and the German wings are seemingly intent only on holding the Russians against flanking operations.

Prior to the inauguration of the present attack on the Russian center, an unofficial dispatch says that the German forces which were surrounded in the 12dz section broke through the Russian ring after three days of terrible fighting, and captured 12000 Russians and twenty-live big guns.

In Constantinople itself Turkish of ficials are continuing to take siringe measures against the citizens of the countries with which she is at war. Moreover, the countries with which she is at war.

Austrians Are Forcing

The Austrian army is still forcing the Servians inland, although the latter are fighting harder than at any ter are fighting harder than at any time since the war began, Foreign Minister Berchtold, of Austria-Hungary, informed the embassy here this afternoon.

"In Servia, the enemy is resisting with all its forces east of the rivers Calcubara and Sjig. After the most obstinate fighting the whole line was beaten, and has retired.
"Since the beginning of the last offensive, we have captured 19,000 prisoners. At the fronts of West Galleia and Russian Poland it is generally only.

Prohibition Vote in

A record vote on the Hobson national prohibition constitutional amendment loomed up in prospect today to trouble Congressmen returning for the opening of Congress.

Congress.

Congressman Hobson received a letter today from Chairman Henry, of the House Rules Committee, stating that the committee would meet December 12. and would consider reporting out a rule on the Hobson amendment. Debate would be limited under such a rule. Hobson declared he thought a devote in the House would be

Smoke Imported Bock Panetelas. Mild and fragrant. Always fine.-Advt.



Photograph taken in Flanders showing members of the British Colonial Horse, a cavalry division now attached to the third Belgian lancers. Members of both troops are seen here.

re-enforcements are being U. S. Minister to Balkans So Reports to State Department-French Driven Out.

> Official advices were received today by the State Department that Turkey has proclaimed a holy war "against Servia and her allies."

The information came in a dispatch from Charles J. Vopicka, United States minister to the Balkan states, who declares that he was informed by the Serrian minister at Bucharest. The latter informed the American minister that in onsequence of the action taken by Turkey, Servia had repudiated all treaty agreements between the two countriess. including those entered into between agreements between the two countries, them at the close of the Balkan wars.
Along with the dispatch from Minister Along with the dispatch from Minister Vepicka came a long cable from Chited States Ambassador Henry Mornthau, at Constantinople, describing zons, driven out by the Turks from in-terior points in Asia Minor, and now assembling at the Turkish ports of Smyrna, Beirut, and Trebizoni, Al-

ady, according to Mr. Morgenthau, ore than a hundred of these Frenchen, without funds and anxious for safety, have gathered at these Others are arriving hourly, condition is described as pittable Constantinople itself Turkish of-

ans Are Forcing

Servians to Interior

Nothing is said in the report of Am-bassador Morgenthan regarding Ameri-can missionaries, although reports of danger to some of these at Smyrna led to the unpleasant Tennessee Reident. when Captain Decker, at the request of Morgenthau, went to the Turkish port only to have his launch fired upon by the Turkish commander. The Tennes-

House Now in Prospect 3 MORE INDICTMENTS

ments for grand larceny were returned that it would be two weeks before the wrecker of the Union Trust Company, now serving a term in Sing Sing, by the Zings county grand jury today.

The indictments were returned before Judge Robert A. Roy, Brooklyn.

The Union Trust Company, him smoothly. A number of cities to day were still out of certain denominations of stamps, but everything to relieve the situation has been done at both the Treasury and the Bureau of Printing and Engraving.

SumTage 10 Be Discussed.

The corps operating in Alsace has made advances, and vesterday, after the Chamber of Commerce will meet at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon to draft a report to be submitted at a both the Treasury and the Bureau of Printing and Engraving.

The special suffrage committee of the Chamber of Commerce will meet at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon to draft a report to be submitted at a general meeting of the chamber next from Aspach, past the Aspach bridge to Burnbaupt. against David A. Sullivan, convicted war simp tax collections would be ron- Suffrage To Be Discussed. the frontier The corps. Judge Robert A. Roy, Brooklyn.

PROGRESS MADE, OFFICTAL VIEW

BERLIN (via wireless to London), Dec. 4.-The German offensive in Poland is stated to be progressing and "normal" in today's official statement from the war office.

The statement continues:

French attacks in Flanders were repulsed, as well as those directed agginst our lines northwest of Altkirch.

'In the eastern theater, the enemy's attacks east of the Mazurian Lakes have resulted in heavy losses."

KABANSKY INSANE

A long hypothetical question setting

licia and Russian Poland it is generally calm.

"At the front of Przemysi, in trying to approach north front positions of the fortress, the enemy was met by a counter-attack, which the garrison repulsed."

The Turkish commander. The Tennessee is still at the Greek port of Chios, whither she was ordered after the incidence in the counter of the North Carolina is at Beirut, and may be called upon, in the event of any outrages to the French citizens there, to take measures for their opinion that Kabansky was sane when he killed his mother-in-law.

There is bitter feeling between felsons. There is offer feeling between friends of Kabansky and sympathizers of the fishop family. A clash between the factions after the court took a recess yesterday noon resulted in Samuel Raboy, a son of the siain woman, being fined \$10 for contempt of court for

AGAINST SULLIVAN May Take 2 Weeks to

Treasury officials estimated today Yesterday,

Aeroplanes Find No Trace of Enemy on the Sinai Penin-

CAIRO, Dec. 4—A great area of the desert east of Port Said has been inundated.

Following the sharp lesson which was learned on November 20, when Moslem forces defeated a detachment of British and were able to announce they had reached th Suez Canal, the military authorities took this method of rendering the city immune from attack.

British aeroplanes which reconnoitered over the Sinai peninsulg today reported they found no trace of the enemy, which retreated eastward to first troops have reached France within the

the enemy, which retreated eastward troops have reached France within the from Gatia and Birelnuss.

that England has landed 34,000 Canadian volunteers in Egypt," a statement issued here today declares.

Allies' Forces in North Equal Germans in Number

Itheir safety, have gathered at those ports. Others are arriving hourly. Their condition is described as pittable. In Constantinople itself Turkish officials are continuing to take simpset. The constantinople itself Turkish officials are continuing to take simpset. The constantinople itself Turkish officials are continuing to take simpset. The constantinople itself Turkish officials are continuing to take simpset. The constantinople itself Turkish officials are continuing to take simpset. The observation in Criminal Court No. 1 on a charge of murdering his mother-inconnects with which she is at war. Mrs. Lena Rabov, and describing to equal the Germans in numerical strength. The observation in Criminal Court No. 1 on a charge of murdering his mother-inconnects with which she is at war. Mrs. Lena Rabov, and describing to equal the Germans in numerical strength. The officials are continuing to take simpset of the French and British incomes to the proportions. The official are continued to have been arrested on the charge of being spile for the counter-offensive of the allies has by no means yet been now believed practically to equal the Germans in numerical strength. The observation in Criminal Court No. 1 on a charge of murdering his mother-inconnection of an a charge of murdering his mother-inconnection of his wife free the counter-offensive of the allies has by no means yet been on which we count the ferman in northern France and Beigium are now believed practically to equal the Germans in numerical strength. The officials are developing, however, toward an engagement of the French and British in the site of the first of the fermans in numerical strength. The officials are possible of the fermans in numerical strength. The official question is countered under the countries of the counter of the counter of the counter of the counter of the most believed practically to equal the Germans in numerical strength. The official and bruches the counter of the search of the first of the counter of the provided in norther

slightest emotion in the trial. He slis with his gaze fixed out the window and his back to the jury and witness stand. Aside from a slight twitching of the muscles of his face, he makes hardly a move.

Two deputy marshals and a police detective sit close to the defendant. Near them are Drs. Hickling and Bush, alienists, who are expected to rebut most remarkable in instable. The most extraordinary methods have been taken on both sides for the gaining of some small advantage and a general engagement will bring more than 14%-000 into contact. Tremendous losses were the sea, in this region the are certain. During the long fight which has been in the nature of a siege, the German as well as the allies trenches have been equipped with

42,000 Occoquan Bricks

Get War Tax Smooth

Officials of the Occoquan workhouse are planning to raise a lighter loaded with 42,000 bricks, made by prisoners, which sank at the Tenth street wharf yesterday.

LAUNCHED AS FOE DRIVES AT COAST

French Hold Ground Gained From Germans-Artillery Fighting Heavy.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS.

PARIS, Dec 4-The development of on offensive northeast from Ypres is indicated in today's official communique from the war office. The statement reports heavy canconades intermittenti between Ypres and Roulers.

This fighting is also reported afons the railway and about Beclaers and the Passchendaele road. Passchendaele is midway between Roulers and Ypres, beeing about six and a half miles from the latter point. Bec aere is about formiles south of Passchendaeels.

It is declared this movement represents anoether attempt of the allies to reach Menin, an important point on the Lys, upon which they have ebeen unable to advance along the direct road from Ypres.

able to advance along the direct road from Ypres.

The fighting reported today would apparently indicate a movement northward along the railroad toward Roulers as a part of an attempt to get around the German flank in this section in the Beclaere forest.

The communique indicates that the allies have been able to retain the positions they have taken up along the railroad toward Roulers and the Pasachenadele road, despite attacks by the Germans.

The statement declares:
"There were heavy cannot mittently yesterday between Ypres and Roulers, along the rallways and the Beclaere and Passchenadele roads. The Germans failed of success.

"In the Argonne several infantry at-acks were repulsed.
"In Lorraine and the Weevre region

Calm prevails from the Somme to the Argonne and in Alsace." New Drive At Sea. The battle of the Yser, which is developing into an engagement of the

greatest proportions with the arrival

last month and are now on the firing line. The English now hold the line BERLIN, via wireless to Sayville, along the Yser, where the Germans are

L. I. Dec. 4.—"Athens reports state expected to center their main attack in a final effort to break through to the Heavy cannonading has been in proress during the past twenty-four hours and the Germans continue to mas-

forces between Ostend and Ypres for the general engagement that is expected Allies Developed Offense. The full force of the counter-offensive

Vosges to the sea. In this region the hills and crests, and peaks are the strategic position for which the rive

need fire for contempt of court for pinching Ars. Annie Welpe, a sister of the defendant. Xon, two important positions on the Moselle, on the German frontier, twelve miles from Metz